

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
RE: PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF PARCEL 17  
IN THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA  
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority" has entered into a contract for loan and capital grant with the Federal Government under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, which contract provides for financial assistance in the hereinafter identified project; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-56, hereinafter referred to as the "Project Area", has been duly reviewed and approved in full compliance with local, state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and the carrying out of urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under said Title I, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion or national origin; and

WHEREAS, United South End Settlements has expressed an interest in developing a community facility on Disposition Parcel 17 to replace its present facility located at 25 Holyoke Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That United South End Settlements be and hereby is tentatively designated as redeveloper of Disposition Parcel 17 subject to:

- (a) Concurrence in the proposed disposal transaction by the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- (b) Publication of all public disclosure and issuance of all approvals required by the Massachusetts General Laws and Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended;
- (c) Submission within one hundred eighty (180) days in a form satisfactory to the Authority of:
  - (i) Evidence of the availability of necessary equity funds; and



2. That the building plans consisting of three sheets prepared by the Taylor Construction Company received February 14, 1969, and the plot plan prepared by Richard E. Otte dated March 18, 1969, are hereby approved.
3. That the Director is hereby authorized for and in behalf of the Authority to execute and deliver a Land Disposition Agreement for Disposition Parcel X-29 between the Authority as Seller and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Dolber as Buyer in consideration of a purchase price of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, and the Buyer's Agreement to construct a single family home within 240 days of the date of conveyance, such Agreement to be in the Authority's usual form and to contain such other and further terms and provisions as the Director shall deem proper and in the best interests of the Authority.
4. That the Director is further authorized to execute and deliver a deed conveying said Property pursuant to such Disposition Agreement; and that the execution by the Director of such agreement and deed to which a Certificate of this vote is attached, shall be conclusively deemed authorized by this Resolution and conclusive evidence that the terms and provisions thereof are by the Director deemed proper and in the best interests of the Authority.

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Kenneth L. Brown, Executive Director

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November 21, 1968  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
Office of Development Administrator

Mr. Hale Champion  
Administrator  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
City Hall Annex  
School Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Hale:

The Board of Directors of United South End Settlements has authorized me to initiate negotiations with the Boston Redevelopment Authority for a South End site upon which this agency will build a new Harriet Tubman House facility.

The site desired by U.S.E.S. is at the corner of Massachusetts and Columbus Avenues and is currently occupied by a gas station; Mr. Smart, South End Project Director, has indicated to us that this site will be available for redevelopment.

U.S.E.S. plans to construct a neighborhood service center with at least 10,000 square feet of interior space at a cost of approximately \$400,000. This facility will replace the present Tubman facility at 25-27 Holyoke Street which is no longer suited for effective programming.

You have already met Miss Fern Colborn, consultant to U.S.E.S. on its building program. Miss Colborn will be developing the program specifications for this facility. We are now interviewing architects and should choose one in the immediate future.

Funds for the construction of the Tubman facility will be raised as part of a U.S.E.S. capital funds campaign aimed at raising money for the construction of three facilities within the next five years. However, U.S.E.S. will be ready to go into construction of this facility as soon as



Hale Champion

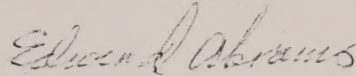
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the site is available as we are prepared to draw on existing agency capital to meet the interim costs of our building program.

I would appreciate an early appointment with you to discuss our site needs and to take whatever steps may be necessary to get this project rolling. U.S.E.S. would like to have the new Tubman House in operation by the fall of 1970.

Sincerely,



Edwin D. Abrams  
President of the Board

EDA/po

cc: Walter Smart

MEMORANDUM

APRIL 3, 1969

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Hale Champion, Director

SUBJECT: TENTATIVE DESIGNATION OF DEVELOPER  
PARCEL 17  
SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA MASS. R-56

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SUMMARY: This memo requests that the Authority tentatively designate the United South End Settlements as redeveloper of Parcel 17 in the South End Urban Renewal Area.

The United South End Settlements presently owns and operates a community facility, known as the Harriet Tubman House. This facility is located at 25 Holyoke Street in the South End Urban Renewal Area. Due to an expansion in its programs and the demands for its services, the present facility has become outmoded and inadequate.

The Authority has received an expression of interest for Parcel 17 in the South End Urban Renewal Area from the United South End Settlements. The USES proposal provides for the development of a replacement facility also to be known as the Harriet Tubman House. This facility will be designed to meet the needs and demands of the occupants of the Section 221(d)(3) housing to be developed in the Lower Roxbury section of the South End Urban Renewal Area.

USES, which has submitted financial disclosure statements and preliminary plans, appears to be financially capable of purchasing and developing this site in accordance with Authority standards.

It is therefore recommended that the Authority tentatively designate the United South End Settlements as redeveloper of Parcel 17.

An appropriate resolution is attached.

Attachment



